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SUBJECT: OBASANJO VISIT TO US

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1. SCHEDULE (REFTEL B) PRESENTED AMERICAS DEPT DIRECTOR MUSA
IN MEETING SEPTEMBER 16. MUSA NOTED SCHEDULE DID NOT INCLUDE
TRIP TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND CORPS OF ENGINEER PROJECTS IN
REGION (REFTEL A), TRIP FIRST MENTIONED BY AMBASSADOR EASUM DURING
MEETING WITH OBASANJO AUGUST 23 AND EMBASSY INCLUDED TRIP IN
LIST OF OPTIONS LEFT WITH MEA A WEEK AGO.

2. ACCORDING TO MUSA, OBASANJO TAKEN WITH IDEA AND IS CONSIDERING
POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING WASHINGTON FOR DAY'S TRIP TO SOUTH
THURSDAY OCTOBER 13. THIS WOULD ADD DAY TO OFFICIAL VISIT AND
MEAN VISITING NEW YORK OCTOBER 14 AND 15 AND LEAVING OCTOBER 16.

3. WHILE DISCUSSING MERITS OF STATE WORKING DINNER VIS-A-VIS
CEREMONIAL STATE DINNER, MUSA SAID
THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY
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RECOMMEND LATTER SO THAT MORE NIGERIANS COULD BE INVITED. IN
STUDYING SCHEDULE REFTEL A, HE NOTED MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER PROPOSED FOR TWO MORNINGS WHICH HE THOUGH WOULD BE ENOUGH
TIME FOR SUBSTANTIVE TALKS.

4. TELEGRAM (REF C) CONTAINING POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES AS DISCUSSED
BY EASUM AND HARRIMAN RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 16 VISIT WITH

MUSA BUT CONTENTS WILL BE TRANSMITTED MEA ASAP. IN CONNECTION NEW YORK SEGMENT VISIT, HOWEVER, MUSA ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY OPTIONS HAD BEEN SUGGESTIONS OF UN, LEAVING IMPRESSION THAT NIGERIANS EXPECTED UN TO MAKE UP OFFICIAL SCHEDULE. EMBOFF NOTED THEY WERE INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS ONLY AND WE WOULD BE COORDINATING WITH BOTH US AND NIGERIAN UN MISSIONS.

5. MUSA GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING LIST OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION MEMBERS TO ACCOMPANY OBASANJO.

MAJOR-GENERAL MARTIN ADAMU - GOC 2ND INF DIV NIGERIAN ARMY
BRIGADIER J.N. GARBA - COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
GROUP CAPTAIN DAN SULEIMAN - MILITARY GOVERNOR PLATEAU STATE
LT. COLONEL S.A. BALOGUN - MILITARY GOVERNOR OGUN STATE
MR. B.O.V. MAFENI - COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE
MR. G.A. OGUNLADE - COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION
MR. YAHYA ABUBAKAR - PERM SECY, POL DEPT, CABINET OFFICE
AMBASSADOR L.O. HARRIMAN - PERM REPRESENTATIVE TO UN
AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO - AMBASSADOR TO US
AMBASSADOR H.B. MUSA - DIRECTOR, AMERICA DEPT, MEA
AMBASSADOR SANU - DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ORG DEPT, MEA
MR. M.L. RAFINDADI -DIRECTOR, RESEARCH DEPT, MEA
MR. B. G. KINGIBE - DEPUTY SECY, POL DEPT, CABINET OFFICE
DR. P.D. COLE - MANAGING DIRECTOR, DAILY TIMES OF NIGERIA
A LADY OFFICER.

6. MUSA NOTED THAT 15TH AND 16TH MEMBERS NOT DECIDED ON YET.
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WHEN EMBOFF REMINDED HIM THAT OFFICIAL DELEGATION COULD COMPRISE 12 PERSONS ONLY, HE SAID THEY WOULD DECIDE WHICH NAMES TO DROP FROM LIST AND HAVE FINAL OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL LISTS READY BY SEPTEMBER 20. MUSA ALSO SAID NO SPOUSES WOULD ACCOMPANY DELEGATION.

7. EMBOFF WILL CONTINEE CONVERSATIONS WITH MEA SEPTEMBER 19-20 AND HOPEFULLY GON'S DESIRES REGARDING SCHEDULE WILL HAVE TAKEN MORE CONCRETE FORM.
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